

REMARKS

As noted in the amendment, non-elected claims have been canceled and applicants confirm their election, without traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group I. As to the election of species, claims 21-23 and 27-28 correspond to this election. Applicants understand that, as to the election of species, the non-elected species will be examined should a generic claim be allowed.

Applicants have canceled the claims in Group III, claims 36-39, but assume that these will be rejoined should claims 21-28 be found allowable, as these are directed to methods to use the claimed subject matter.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket No. 295002005901.

Respectfully submitted,

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